

(Launching of the) National Unified Health Research Agenda

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In behalf of the PNHRS Research Agenda Committee that was tasked to oversee the formulation of the PNHRS health research agenda, we are formally launching the National Unified Health Research Agenda or the NUHRA for 2011-2016.

The new NUHRA is now a consolidation of the research priorities of the four core agencies of the PNHRS namely the Department of Health, the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development of the Department of Science and Technology, the Commission on Higher Education, and the National Institutes of Health of UP Manila.

The Research Agenda Committee resolved to focus the new NUHRA on the core agencies' priorities to assure funding and greater commitment by the core agencies themselves in the implementation of priority research projects.

You may note, too that the time coverage of the NUHRA was adjusted from 5 to 6 years to align with the Philippine Development Plan 2011-2016 and the administration's term of office.

As with the previous NUHRA, the current NUHRA is intended to:

- Provide focus and direction on health research and development efforts that will address the country's health concerns for 2011-2016
- Assist in providing evidence based solutions to pressing national and local health problems, and
- Serve as basis to maximize resource utilization and minimize duplication of research efforts.

The research priorities are classified into four major areas: health technology development, health financing, health service delivery and other health related concerns.

We will be providing you with copies of the new NUHRA. You may get them at the registration table outside after lunch. A soft copy can be downloaded at the PCHRD website.

In the meantime, we will be providing our guests and the representatives of the PNHRS core agencies of the new NUHRA.

Thank you.